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 Filed or Issued: HEREWITH  
 For: PAPER IDENTIFICATION COUNTER AND PAPER IDENTIFICATION AND COUNTING METHOD

**VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY  
 STATUS [37 19(f) and 1.27(c)] - SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN**

I hereby declare that I am

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☒ an official of the small business concern empowered to act on behalf of the concern identified below:  
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 ADDRESS OF CONCERN 1-4-16, Nihonbashibakuro-Cho, Chuo-Ku, Tokyo, Japan

I hereby declare that the above identified small business concern qualifies as a small business concern as defined in 13 CFR 121.3-18, and reproduced in 37 CFR 1.9(d), for purposes of paying reduced fees under section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, in that the number of employees of the concern, including those of its affiliates, does not exceed 500 persons. For purposes of this statement (1) the number of employees of the business concern is the average over the previous fiscal year of the concern of the persons employed on a full-time, part-time or temporary basis during each of the pay periods of the fiscal year, and (2) concerns are affiliates of each other when either, directly or indirectly, one concern controls or has the power to control the other, or a third party or parties controls or has the power to control both.

I hereby declare that rights under contract or law have been conveyed to and remain with the small business concern identified above with regard to the invention, entitled:

PAPER IDENTIFICATION COUNTER AND PAPER IDENTIFICATION AND COUNTING METHOD

by inventors Hideo ABE, Yoshikazu TAKAGI, Hiroyuki SHIMADA, Makoto SHINKAI and Takahiro OGAWA described in

☒ the specification filed herewith.

☐ application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_

☐ patent No. \_\_\_\_\_, issued \_\_\_\_\_

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TITLE OF PERSON OTHER THAN OWNER

President

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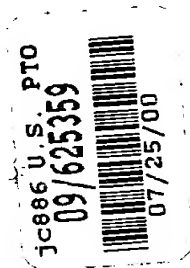
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- ☒ is attached hereto.
- ☐ was filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
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PCT International Application Number  
\_\_\_\_\_ and was amended on  
\_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

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